

## **Standards Hearings Workshop – Practical issues - Powys County Council**

**Standards Conference 14 September**

**What would you do if...**

- 1. The Standards Committee has agreed to hold a hearing.** The Standards Officer has written to the Member advising of the date for a hearing and asked him to respond in 14 working days to say if he can attend. **The Member advises he cannot make that date and asks for another. Another date is offered and the Member comes back to say he cannot make this.**
- 2. A Hearing date** has now been agreed by the Member and arrangements made. On the day, the **Member fails to attend but makes written representation that he wants another opportunity to attend.**

**You are now at the Hearing and the Member is present.**

**First stage: Preliminary procedural issues**

- 3. The Member asks to introduce new written documentation.**
- 4. The press turn up.**
- 5. The Member objects to a Member of the Committee.**
- 6. The Member proposes 10 witnesses.**
- 7. The Member has a character witness.**
- 8. The Member has a legal team.**
- 9. Can a legal advisor advise throughout the hearing?**

**Second stage: making findings of fact**

- 10. The Member raises a new issue that is not contained in their written representations.**

**Fourth stage: Action to be taken**

- 11. The press are requesting a statement but the Member has failed to attend the hearing and it has considered the issue in his absence.**